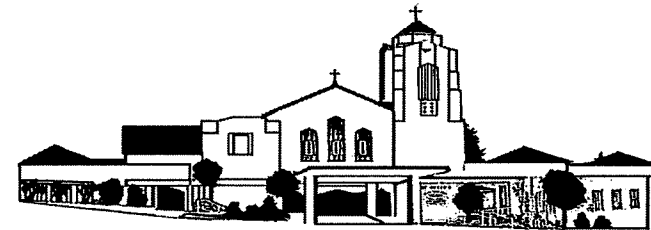


DECEMBER 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31					1 RC Manor 10am  Adoration 12:30-2 pm  CFC Choir Pr. 6-9 pm	2 Training- Liturgical Ministries 9-11am  YA Taize 6-10pm
3 1 Sun Advent Pancake Breakfast:- 9, 11 am	4 Choir Pr. 6pm  Bible Study 7 pm	5 Queen's Park 10:15  RCIA 7 pm	6  PREP 6:15-7:30	7 YAH GM 1 pm  Kiwanis 10:30	8  CFC 6-9 pm	9  Baptism Prep 10 am
10 2 Sun Advent  Coffee - 9, 11 am	11 Knights Christmas Party 6-10pm  Bible Study 7 pm	12 CWL Ex. 7 pm  RCIA 7 pm	13  PREP 6:15-7:30	14 Bingo 1 pm	15 Simbang Gabi (7pm)  CFC 6-9 pm	16 SSVP Hampers 9-12  Eritrean Mass 9-12  Simbang Gabi (5 pm)  Brazilian Mass 6pm
17 3 Sun Advent Coffee - 9, 11 am  Simbang Gabi (5pm)  Youth Night 6 pm	18 Choir Pr. 6pm  Simbang Gabi (7pm) Bible Study 7	19 Penitential Service (7pm)  Simbang Gabi (8pm)	20 Simbang Gabi (7pm)	21 Simbang Gabi (7pm)  CRL 7 pm	22 Simbang Gabi (7pm)	23 Simbang Gabi (5pm)
24 4 Sun Advent: 9, 11 am  Christmas Eve: 5, 7:30, and 10 pm	25 Christmas Day Masses: 9 and 11 am	26	27	28	29	30 Holy Family

# ST. PETER'S CHURCH

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## 1 SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 3, 2023



PASTOR  
PRIEST IN RESIDENCE

Fr. Nick Meisl  
Fr. Martin Moser, OMI

### SUNDAY MASS

Saturday: 5 pm (also livestreamed)  
Sunday: 9 am, 11 am, 5 pm

### WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday – Friday: 12 Noon

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:15 – 4:45 pm

Tuesday – Friday: 11:40 – 11:50 am

### BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact Fr. Nick: (604) 522 4611, ext. 2

*For marriages, please contact the Parish at least six months in advance.*

### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

St. Vincent de Paul Society (Help line: 604 520 0663)

Catholic Women's League

Knights of Columbus

Couples for Christ

Young at Heart Seniors' Group

Indigenous Relations

Legion of Mary

Community of the Risen Lord

Eritrean Community

Young Adults Ministry

Development and Peace

Choir

Youth Ministry

## Advent – Preparing with Joy for Christmas

Here are some ways to enter prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ.

**Simbang Gabi Novena of Masses:** This Novena of Masses honours the Blessed Virgin Mary in anticipation of the celebration of Christmas. The tradition provides a meaningful way to deepen the preparation of the faithful, Filipino and non-Filipino alike, for the joys of Christmas.

**Simbang Gabi Masses will take place at St. Peter’s** on Dec. 15 (7 pm), Dec 16 (5 pm), Dec 17 (5 pm), Dec 18 (7 pm), Dec 19 (8 pm), Dec 20 (7 pm), Dec 21 (7 pm), Dec 22 (7 pm), Dec 23 (5 pm).

**Advent Penitential Services:** An Advent Penitential Service will be held at **St. Peter’s on Tuesday Dec. 19 at 7:00 pm**. Other Penitential Services will be held on the following dates in neighboring parishes (all start at 7:00 pm): Dec. 14 at Sts. Cyril and Methodius and Our Lady of Lourdes, Dec. 15 at Holy Spirit, Dec. 18 at St. Michael’s and Our Lady of Fatima (Coquitlam), Dec. 20 at St. Francis de Sales, and Dec 21 at Our Lady of Mercy.

**DIY Advent Wreath Kits:** Everything except the greenery. Kit includes: flora-foam, candles, candle holders, ribbon, an Advent wreath reflection guide, and instructions. Kits are only \$15. Cost covers the supplies only - not a fundraiser. Pick up yours before or after all the weekend masses, or by calling the parish office.

### Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec 23: 5:00 pm	Sunday, Dec 24: 9:00 am, 11:00 am
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<b>Christmas Eve (Sunday, Dec 24):</b>	<b>Christmas Day (Monday, Dec 25):</b>
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5:00 pm (Children’s Mass, also live-streamed)	9:00 am
7:30 pm	11:00 am
10:00 pm	

#### Holy Family

Saturday, Dec 30: 5:00 pm	Sunday, Dec 31: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm
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#### Mary Mother of God

Monday, Jan 1: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm

**Let us pray for those who are sick:** Gabby Alba, Celestina Amparo, Remedios Barro, Remedios Bartko, Jim Bilesky, Rosalie Cruz, Gail Bonner, Lorrie Fee, Marlene Giddens, Marie Hocking, Ruby Lagmay, Bill Lawrence, Maggie Misfeldt, Margaret Ng, Marie Pham, Catherine Radley, Mary Ann Maningas, Mary Villegas de Ballesteros, Romel Romey, Tim Salvacion, Melissa Santos, Maria Luisa Valenzuela, Fidel Villanueva, and Mimi Wunderlich.

**Youth Ministry Gathering Dec 17, 6-7:30pm:** Teens (grade 8-12) are invited to join us in the hall for our special pre-Christmas gathering after the Sunday 5 pm Mass.

**New Sunday Missals** are available for purchase after all Masses for \$6.

**2024 Envelopes can be picked up from the Church Hall.** If your name is not listed on an envelope and you would like envelopes for 2024, please contact the parish office – 604-522-4611x3; email: st.peters@telus.net. These envelopes will be used from Jan. 1, 2024.

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul:** Drivers needed for the **delivery of Christmas gift bags** on Saturday, December 16 between the hours of 10:30 am and 2 pm. If you are able to help, please call our help line at 604-520-0663. Thank you.

**Parking advisory for Dec. 9-10:** The New West Farmers’ Market will be holding a Holiday Market in front of New West City Hall on Sat. Dec. 9 and Sun. Dec. 10 from 10 am – 4 pm. Parking availability will be impacted on these days. More info: [newwestfarmers.ca](http://newwestfarmers.ca).

**Young at Heart (YAH)** will be holding their Christmas Luncheon at Chan's Garden Restaurant on Dec 7, Thursday at 1:00 PM. It will be Chinese food. The cost is \$35.00 per person for YAH members & for non members \$45.00. GST and tips are included. Only 50 tickets are available for sale. Please get your ticket as early as possible. Contact Doris Skazlic at 604-525- 7219 for ticket. TICKET SALE DEADLINE NOV. 29. YAH Bingo schedule is Dec 14.

**Pancake Breakfast:** On **December 3 after the 9 and 11 Masses** the Knights of Columbus will be preparing their delicious breakfast which includes pancakes, sausages, berries, orange juice, coffee and tea. Adults \$ 7. Children \$ 5 – pay by credit/debit card or cash.

**Knights of Columbus 62 Annual Charity Appeal:** is on-line with prizes totalling \$100,000. Funds raised go to local charities including St. Vincent DePaul Society, Student bursaries, St. Peter’s Youth Group, Ukrainian Youth Group, STM Dry Grad and Education of Seminarians. Tickets are 1 for \$5, 10 for \$25 and 50 for \$50. Main draw Dec. 16. Please go to <https://kofcdraw.net/c1283> and click on the poster.

**Year End Giving:** As we approach the end of 2023, we are grateful for the generous support of our parishioners! An impactful way to make cash or cheque contributions is by giving to the **Building Enhancement Fund** (yellow envelopes) or giving online (credit card or bank withdrawal) to **Project Advance** at [projectadvance.ca](http://projectadvance.ca) (on the website, please select “St. Peter” from the drop-down menu) since all funds given to the Building Enhancement Fund or Project Advance go directly to St. Peter’s. **If your wish to receive a tax receipt for 2023, the deadline for cash or cheque donations is Dec. 17 while the deadline for online donations is Dec. 30.** Every donation is appreciated and makes a difference, thank you!!